THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Disinvestment had sent a proposal to this Ministry in April, 2005, for sale of 20% equity of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and requested for the comments. This Ministry has sent its comments to the Department of Disinvestment favouring 10% disinvestment in NALCO. No final decision has been taken in this regard.

Demand for a share from the income of bauxite mining

2760. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals of Visakha and East Godavari agency areas have demanded a rightful share of the income to be accrued from bauxite mining;

(b) if so, the demands made by the tribals and whether Government have considered these suggestions; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that no such demand has been made by the tribals of Visakha and East Godavari agency areas.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Central aid to destitutes

†2761. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing full amount as additional Central aid to all those destitute beneficiaries who are of 65 years and above and getting pension; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.